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Critical Budget Needs
(\$8,473,977 and 12 FTEs)

1. Hire more prosecutors to protect Iowans, assist victims, and support law enforcement.

\$884,090 to hire 3 attorneys, 2 investigators, 1 paralegal to properly staff the Statewide Prosecutions Section & Criminal Appeals Division

2. Build Cold Case Unit:

\$523,464 to hire 3 investigators & one prosecutor, over 400 active cases

3. Hire attorneys to push back against the Biden Administration:

\$286,596 to hire 1 attorney & 1 paralegal

4. Fund the increase provided to state employees on July 1, 2023:

\$545,466 for raises to fund the 3% increase in salaries for personnel funded by general appropriations

5. Flexibility within Consumer and Antitrust Enforcement Fund

Keep the same language as last year

6. Support for victims of violent crime:

\$4,589,421 to replace anticipated cuts in federal funding

7. Tobacco settlement replacement:

\$1,164,377 to replace funding used for attorney positions after settlement agreement adjustments

8. Technology & security upgrades:

\$480,563 as recommended by Governor Reynolds (\$202,060 from general fund & \$278,503 additional from tech reinvestment fund)

**Requested additional operational funding: \$3,884,556 or
Victim services replacement after federal cutbacks \$4,589,421
Total: \$8,473,977**

Background on Attorney General's Office Budget

- Staff is comprised of approximately 250 total employees, including 150 full-time attorneys
- Only 24% of operating budget (\$7.8 Million) is a general fund appropriation.
- Approximately 53% comes from billing of *some* agencies that pay for legal services.
- \$4 million is appropriated from the Consumer Education and Litigation Fund—both for consumer and other office functions—but sustainability of fund is uncertain.
- Victim Services Division is funded primarily from federal sources, these sources are making cuts across the board.